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Railroad District	Date in					March	25X1
	February 28	2	4	6	8		
Berlin	3,2	3,2	2,6	2,5	3,1		
Greifswald	6,2	5,0	4,8	4,5	4,3		
Schwerin	4,0	4,2	4,6	5,1	5,5		
Magdeburg	2,6	2,0	2,2	2,7	2,5		
Halle	3,3	3,0	2,5	2,5	2,8		
Erfurt	3,1	3,0	2,8	3,0	3,5		
Dresden	3,2	2,8	2,8	3,4	3,5		
Cottbus	3,3	3,1	2,9	3,2	3,7		1
Total	3,4	3,2	2,9	3,2	3,4		

2. [REDACTED] the following coal stocks, expressed in tons, were available to the GDR railroads between 28 February and 8 March

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Date	Coal for Locomotives		Raw Brown Coal	Shop Coal in Terms of Briquette Units (BU)
	Hard Coal	Brown Coal Briquettes		
28	21,100	43,400		31,2000
2	20,400	40,000	12,452	30,200
4	17,800	38,800		29,500
6	18,500	40,800		29,300
8	21,100	43,400		31,200

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3. The following amounts of coal (BU) were consumed by locomotives between 28 February and 8 March:

Date	Tons
28	24,630
2	25,440
4	24,750
5/6	47,980
8	25,110

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4. Between 1 and 3 March, the following coal stocks were available in the Berlin railroad district:

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Date in March	Tons (BU)	Daily Requirements
1	11,107	3,2
2	11,196	3,2
3	9,958	2,9

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The coal situation is at present ~~so critical that conferences~~ between the Ministry for Traffic and the RBDs ~~are continuously held,~~

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- a. Total coal stocks, in daily requirements available between 23 February and 3 March:

Date	23	24	25	26/27	28	1	2	3
Daily Requirements	3,8	3,6	2,4	3,3	3,3	3,3	3,2	3,2

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- b. Total coal stocks available on 3 March:

Hard coal	20,475 tons
Brown coal briquettes	40,170 "
Raw brown coal	12,435 "
Hard coal slurry	1,970 "
Coal dust	590 "

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- c. Because of the extremely critical coal situation of the GDR railroads, the Ministry for Traffic requested the "Sonderbeauftragter fuer Brennstoffversorgung" (Special Commissioner for Fuel Supply) Melms (fnu) to increase the fuel supply for the GDR railroads immediately. The confiscation of coal for domestic use was suggested. Melms granted increased deliveries with the reservation that the surplus coal would have to be deducted from the next years' quota. 4

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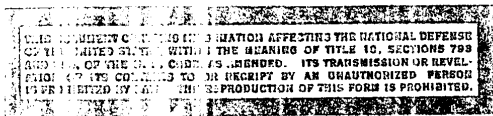
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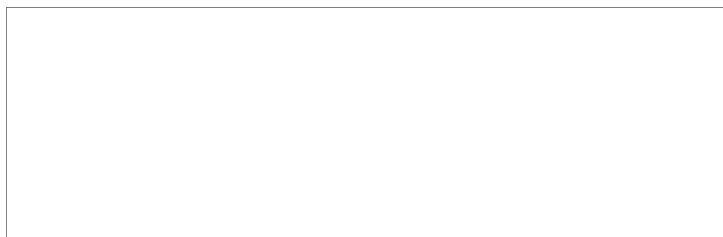
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